

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.97
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Doane House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	575R Nauset Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	12-200
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1680
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Colonial
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Cedar Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Concrete Unspecified



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Assessor's  
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Area(s)

Form Number

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Town

Eastham

Place (neighborhood or village)

575R Nauset Road

Local Name

Present

Residential

Original

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Construction

c. 1680

See Bibliography\*

Form

Off Center Chimney,  
3/4 Cape Cod House Form

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation

Concrete

Wall/Trim

Shingles

Roof

Cedar Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Garage  
and Guest Cottage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

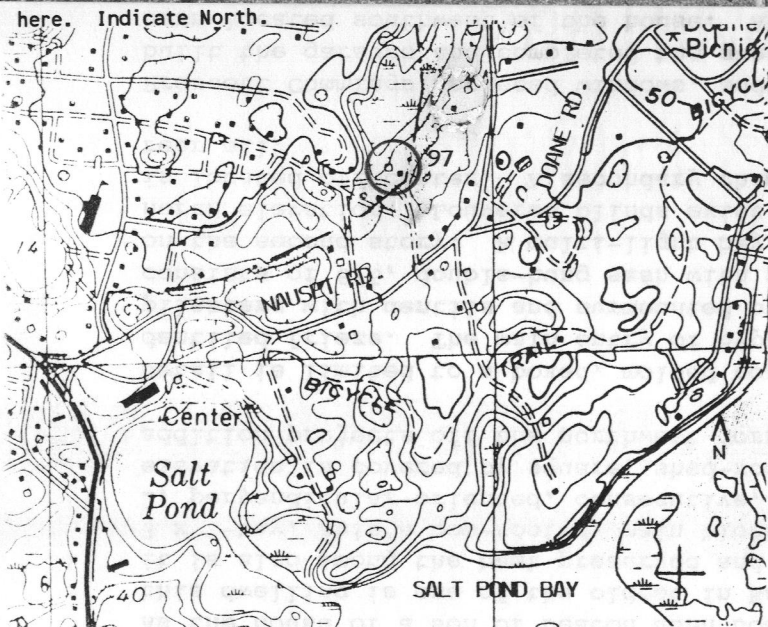
Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

7.42 Acres

Setting Located down a long drive in a  
moderately-settled, rural area off  
Nauset Road.



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## BUILDING FORM

575R Nauset Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION        See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

As the house of a son of Deacon John Doane, one of the founders of Eastham, this dwelling is one of the oldest in Eastham. Although modified over time, it is also among the best preserved and most picturesque. The 1 1/2-story, 3 x 2-bay, ship's bow-roofed, main block has been expanded to the rear with 2, perpendicular-oriented, consecutive, rear ells. The remainder of the rear elevation is covered by square, shed-roofed, appendage. A small shed-roofed addition projects off the northwest corner of the main block.

Detail is limited to a boxed, molded cornice set close to the eaves and a dentiled frieze. The main entry of 6-panel door is enhanced by a surround of pilasters with dentils and surmounted by a 4-light transom. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with plain trim. Paired, 6/1 windows exist on the second story. A multi-light bay window has been added to the north elevation. Louvered blinds exist only on the facade. The main chimney is located off center. A secondary chimney is located in the perpendicular, rear ell.

Prescott Cummings replaced windows, added the dining room and bay window, built the garages and completed the guest cottage, reputedly made from an old barn located southwest of the house. After a fire in 1958, the Cummings added to the living room and keeping room, installed the bay window to the north elevation, added an interior, center hallway and transformed the rear ell which had been added an earlier date, into an apartment. Cummings also built the garage. Historic fabric that remains on the interior includes, doors, paneling in the living room, wide board flooring. The garden house is the former top of the steeple which had been removed from the Methodist Church when it was remodeled post 1950 and was relocated to the site by Prescott Cummings.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE   X   See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Nauset Road was a local loop off King's Highway in the north of Eastham built during the Federal Period. By the end of the 1700's, a windmill was located at the west shore of Salt Pond. That mill may be the one moved to Eastham Center. On the 1831 map of Eastham, another windmill is indicated further north on the west side of Nauset Road. These structures indicate a developed agricultural presence at the southern end of Nauset Road. By 1831, a small hamlet was in place at the junction of Nauset Road and King's Highway which included at least one commercial establishment. A school was also located in the neighborhood just south of the windmill. The windmill, which had been run by Isaiah Gill and Freeman Horton, was out of operation and dismantled by 1865.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES   X   See continuation sheet.

  X   Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.



## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Material on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives, prepared by owners Prescott and Mildred Cummings, indicates the house at 575 Rear Nauset Road was built c. 1680 by one of the sons (name unspecified) of Deacon John Doane who was one of the original settlers of Nauset (Eastham), a farmer, one of the richest men in Plymouth Colony and once an assistant governor. No chain of title is provided and further deed research is necessary to find more information about the house. As the home a son John Doane, this house is one of the oldest, extant residences of Eastham.

Little is known of successive owners until the mid nineteenth century when the property is attributed to J. Hatch on the 1858 Walling map of Eastham. In 1880, the house is ascribed to E. Higgins and in 1908, to A. Mann. None of these occupants is referenced in local, secondary sources.

Other owners mentioned by the Cummings's include Arthur Brown, Noah Holbrook and Clifford Watson. The latter bequeath the property to Prescott and Mildred Cummings who inherited in 1929. Prescott Cummings was a builder. He also served Eastham as a selectman. Mildred Cummings continues in residence.

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Guest house and garage, 575R Nauset Road (EAS.97)



Garden House, 575R Nauset Road (EAS.97)

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Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Community: Eastham  
Property Address: 575R Nauset Road

Area Form No. 97

### National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement

Check all that apply:

☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district  
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by: Dianne L. Siergiej  
*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

The property at 575R Nauset Road is significant on a local level with regard to the above-referenced criteria as one of the oldest, best preserved and most picturesque examples of the 3/4 Cape Cod house form (house and a half) in Eastham. It is also significant for its association with the Doane family, descendants of John Doane, one of the founders of Nauset (Eastham).

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## MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Reviewed: 12/6/95

Inventory Form: EAS.79 97

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff in charge of Review: MV

Constructed in the mid-17th century by one of the sons of the Deacon John Doane, 575R Nauset Road is one of the oldest houses in Eastham. Several recent alterations, including the replacement of windows, the addition of window openings, the construction of a garage and guest quarters, and other various renovations, preclude MHC staff from determining the eligibility of this property at this time. In order to complete this evaluation, MHC staff require additional information and photographs documenting these recent alterations, as well as more information about the history of this property before its acquisition by its current owners.